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Mr. Mike Linder
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Dear Mr. Linder:

Thank you for the submissions dated January 18, 2001, with subsequent submission of a revised TMDL on February 15, 2001, requesting approval of the West Fork Big Blue River total maximum daily load (TMDL) under §303(d) of the Clean Water Act. We have completed our review of this TMDL for Fecal Coliform Bacteria as submitted by your office and in accordance with §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et.seq.), we approve all aspects of this TMDL.

Enclosed is EPA Region 7 Review Forms which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of this TMDL. EPA believes the separate elements of this TMDL described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

Again, EPA appreciates the thoughtful teamwork and partnering effort that Nebraska has put forth in the development of this TMDL and will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Nebraska to develop the remaining TMDLs on the current Nebraska §303(d) list of impaired water bodies.

Sincerely,

U. Gale Hutton
Director
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. David Jensen